

4. Some Suggestions

With the above in view, the following suggestions have been made for the consideration of the archivists and other scholars concerned.

1. The National Archives of India, by themselves or through some agency, should compile a preliminary descriptive list of all private archives outside India that possibly contain material relevant to Indian history. The list may also contain, among other things, such information, wherever available, as the address of the custodian, conditions for use of the material, language of the material, etc. This information, in its own way, is likely to stimulate interest in the use of such material available outside India. As and when new information comes to light, the list may be revised and strengthened.

2. Scholars who come across 'unreported' private archives outside India should write informative articles on them in the journals like the Indian Archives brought out by the National Archives of India.

3. Where the material is found to be very important by the concerned scholars, the possibility of its microfilming and keeping a copy of it in the National Archives may also be explored.